TRAINING

To get the maximum use of technology training is generally required. We recommend this be done as early as possible so you are aware of both what is available and any special requirements that may apply to your presentation. We are available at your convenience but in any event you must schedule training in advance of trial.

To arrange your training please contact:

Richard Hunt, Courtroom Specialist

(712)233-3845

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Chief Judge Mark W. Bennett

District Judge Linda R. Reade

Sr. Judge Edward J. McManus

Sr. Judge Donald E.. O'Brien

Ch. Magistrate Judge John A. Jarvey

Magistrate Judge Paul A. Zoss

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**Courtroom of The Honorable Paul A. Zoss, United States Magistrate Judge
Sioux City, Iowa**

This brochure provides an overview of the components available in the U.S. Magistrate Courtroom. For more information please contact systems staff. The equipment currently available includes:
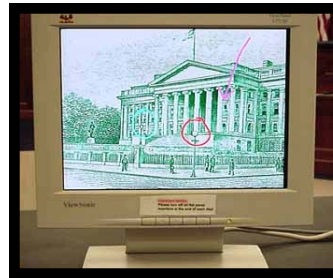
- **SAMSUNG DIGITAL PRESENTER** enables counsel to present evidence to the judge and jury via courtroom monitors/projection screen. This evidence can be in any medium (documents, pictures, negatives, x-rays, 3-d objects). The judge can turn off downstream monitors/screens to preview evidence before it's admitted for jury viewing.

- **PROJECTION SCREEN** is an 6' x 9' rear-projection screen placed across from the jury enabling them to see all evidence presented on the Samsung , video cassette , laser disk or pc.

- **FLATPANEL MONITORS** are placed on the attorney tables, judge's bench, witness stand and presentation cart. These monitors are hooked directly into the projection system.

- **ANNOTATION MONITORS** are housed on the witness stand and presentation cart enabling witnesses and counsel to draw, point and high-light any exhibit being presented.

- **PRESENTATION CART** houses the following items:

  ADA Compliant Lectern

  Video Cassette Player for videotaped depostions and other taped exhibits.

  Cassette Player allows playback of audio cassette tapes.

- **REALTIME TRANSCRIPTION** viewing is provided via court-owned laptops. You can make arrangements with the court reporter if you want copies of transcripts.

  NOTE: Realtime Transcription availability is dependent on which court reporter is used and is also used at the discretion of the presiding judge. If this feature is desired arrangements should be made no later than the FPTC.

- **ATTORNEY "SMART TABLES"** contain access plates for realtime reporting, modem access, local area network and laptop connections for display of PowerPoint or other presentation software.

- **ICN NETWORK** The U.S. Magistrate Courtroom is part of the ICN (Iowa Communications Network). The ICN utilizes eight main transmitters from Iowa Public Television to encompass Iowa as well as parts of six adjoining states. These links allow the court to participate in video hearings, including prisoner hearings linked to Fort Madison or other ICN sites.

Use of the ICN must be scheduled ahead of time—contact Richard Hunt (712-233-3845) for information on the availability of this feature and scheduling.

- **LAPTOP PRESENTATION** can be done using a variety of presentation software packages including (but not limited to) PowerPoint, Corel Presentations, Harvard Graphics and Trial Director.

LAPTOP PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS:
Although most laptops are compatible with our video system we've found during pretrial testing that the following modifications may need to be made;
- monitor refresh rate set to 70 hertz
- screen area 1024x768 or lower
The only way to ensure a successful laptop presentation is to test it several days prior to trial. Please note, our systems staff may need to make modifications to your computer equipment to make it compatible with our system.